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Family Law help at Pima County Superior Court during the COVID-19 crisis

PIMA COUNTY, AZ. – We here at the Pima County Superior Court know the COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic impact on couples and families. Relationships are strained. Jobs have been lost. Parents disagree about how best to protect their children. There is a new layer of insecurity and anxiety in our day-to-day lives.

The Family Law Division of the court is available if intervention is required to help ensure our community has support and access to justice during these uncertain times. We've put in place several new measures and introduced a number of technological innovations to make it easier for parents, couples, and individuals to address urgent and sensitive issues during this health crisis, including:

- A fully electronic application process for protective orders – parties can apply online and participate in their court hearing telephonically.
- Specifically developed [guidelines](#) to help parents who disagree about parenting time during the pandemic.
- Ongoing processing of initial divorce filings, requests for changes in parenting time, and appeals for modification of financial obligations, including child support & alimony. (Because support modifications cannot be backdated, adjustment requests should be filed with the court as soon as a problem is identified.)
- Resumption of family law trials and evidentiary hearings using a secure, reliable video link platform.
- Appointments with volunteer attorneys who can provide early, free, and impartial case evaluations via telephone or video.
- Easy and expanded online access to frequently used family law forms.
- Online parent education classes, and telephonic mediation services.

The judges of the Family Law bench know it is essential to resolve domestic relations concerns as quickly as possible to ensure the stability of Pima County's families and children. They remain committed to safely and fairly providing services for our community.

For more details, please see the Family Law information on the [COVID-19 page](#) of the Superior Court's website (www.sc.pima.gov) or contact communityrelations@sc.pima.gov. The Pima County Superior Court is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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